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Town of Hingham Planning Board
210 Central Street, No. 10
Hingham, MA 02043

Attention: Kevin Ellis, Chair

Dear Chairman Ellis and Board Members:

Dynavac is an engineering and manufacturing company that has resided at 110 Industrial Park Road in South Shore Park since 1999; we are also abutter to the proposed Amazon site. We provide high-value products and services to many leading aerospace and technology clients. Dynavac chose South Shore Park as its headquarters largely due to a cultural fit for our employees and clientele. The Town of Hingham has always been very supportive and a good business partner and we in turn share a strong commitment to the local community.

As a business owner, I am in favor of business expansion but equally understand the need for proper planning. Amazon is world-class company and would be a welcome neighbor under the right circumstances, however, failure to consider and plan for the infrastructure improvements that will be needed to support the increased traffic density could threaten a successful integration.

The additional traffic volume (and estimates vary substantially) will exacerbate an already challenging situation. Traffic congestion in the park is routine and it is not uncommon to have traffic backed up to Commerce Road at certain times of day. There are also safety concerns at the intersection of 90 Industrial Park Road where the road curves sharply to the right. There have been many collisions caused by south-bound drivers who underestimate the road curvature and/or are traveling over the speed limit. In recent years, there have been two incidents involving Dynavac employees who sustained injuries as a result of accidents in this area. We believe that without serious consideration to these issues, this development project will place an undue burden and safety risk to existing businesses and their employees.

We have also learned that the town has been partitioned to grant a parking waiver along Commerce Road which is the main access road to 100 Industrial Park Road. This change will have an immediate impact on our operations by eliminating parking spaces for our employees. It is troubling that Dynavac was not consulted by the developer as these plans unfolded.

We welcome growth and expansion and would welcome Amazon as a local business partner, but a comprehensive plan that considers the needs of other businesses that will be impacted should be prepared and appropriate infrastructure improvements should be factored into the development plan.

I encourage you to withhold approval for this plan to proceed until such a plan can be developed and assurances can be made that ongoing business operations of other companies in the park are not disrupted.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tom P. Foley". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "T" and "P".

Thomas P. Foley
President & CEO